

Second Amendment
Application No. 10/006,017
Amendment dated November 17, 2005
Reply to Office Action of July 18, 2005
Attorney Docket No. 41759-57630

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A sports playing surface mat ~~suitable for use as a playing surface~~, the mat comprising a support matrix and a filler material, wherein the support matrix comprises paper-maché, and the support matrix and the filler material are admixed uniformly in the mat.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Cancelled).

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7. (Currently Amended): The mat as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the filler material comprises at least one filler material selected from the group consisting of sand, grit, polymer beads, soil, loam, sphagnum moss, peat, wood chips or shavings, sawdust, a fibrous material and clay.

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Previously Presented): The mat as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the mat is seeded with grass.

10. (Currently Amended): A method of making a sports playing surface mat ~~for use as a playing surface~~, the method comprising mixing together a filler material and a support matrix, the support matrix comprising paper-maché, ~~and heating or drying the mixture, characterized in that~~ wherein the filler material and the support matrix are uniformly admixed.

11. (Currently Amended): The mat as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the filler material comprises a mixture of ~~0% to 100%~~ sand and ~~0% to 100%~~ soil.

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12. (New): The method of making a sports playing surface mat as claimed in Claim 10, further including the step of heating or drying the mixture of the filler material and the support matrix.